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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview on August 4, 2003. Claims 9-15 and 19-27 are pending. As a result of the interview, it is believed that the claims as set forth herein are allowable for reasons expressed in prior replies, the interview and/or as further stated below.

Claims 9-15 and 19-22 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent 5,301,222 ("Fujiwara") in view of U.S. Patent 5,434,371 ("Brooks"), and U.S. Patent 6,474,888 ("Lapstun"). It is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not make obvious the claimed inventions as it fails to teach or suggest the inventions recited in the claims.

With regard to Fujiwara, a system for establishing a connection between two telephones is disclosed. However, Fujiwara's system does not transmit characters to a second device after a connection is established as recited the claims. Rather, Fujiwara transmits telephone number signals [column 1, line 63] to a network in order to connect with another telephone. Letters in Fujiwara's system are displayed on an LCD display [column 3, line 62] and are not transmitted wirelessly.

Fujiwara does not have all of the transcription and translation functions of the present inventions. Fujiwara matches pattern signals to stored patterns in order to identify a character or a number. The stored patterns are "representative of alphanumeric letters" [column 1, line 58].

In contrast, the present inventions first transcribe a symbol (e.g., a Graffiti symbol) from an acceleration sequence generated by tracking stylus movements (this includes a matching step wherein the acceleration sequence is matched to a symbol set). The symbol is then translated into an alphanumeric character. For example, the stylus of the present inventions transcribes/translate hand movements to graffiti symbols and then translates the symbols to characters. The additional functions performed by the present inventions are not taught or suggested by Fujiwara, alone or in combination with the prior art. For example, neither Brooks nor Lapstun meet the deficiencies of Fujiwara. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC 103 be withdrawn.

Further, none of the following patents mentioned in the office action, namely:

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US-5,301,222, US-6,474,888, US-6,307,956, US-5,434,371, US-5,247,137, US-6,577,299, US-5,754,645, and US-6,081,261, discloses a method for converting stylus movements corresponding to a symbol, e.g., graffiti, to characters, wherein the shape of the symbol can be different from the shape of the generated character.

The original specification discloses the use of a Bluetooth system for establishing a two-way wireless connection. Attached is an article which discusses Bluetooth specifications. Bluetooth specifications require either a transceiver or a transmitter and receiver for establishing a wireless two-way connection (paragraph # XIV). Therefore the claims are fully supported by the specification as filed.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner promptly contact the undersigned if there are any issues that arise that would delay the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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